(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार को वहां के स्थानीय लोगों से बहुत सी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) और (ख) गया में जुलाई, 1984 से एक अल्प शक्ति दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटर कार्य कर रहा है । योजन आयोग ने अभी तक आठवीं योजना के लिए धन-राशि का आवंटन नहीं किया है, इसलिए यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि आठवीं योजना के अंतर्गत गया में दूरदर्शन और रेडियो सुविधाओं में किस सीमा तक विस्तार किया जाएगा ।

(ग) और (घ) गया में दूरदर्शन और रेडियो सुविधाओं में सुधार करने के लिए विभिन्न क्षेत्रों से समय-समय पर अनुरोध प्राप्त हुए हैं ।

"खालिस्तान नेशनल आर्मी"

1676. डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मुख्यतः सेना के भगौड़ों से मिलकर बने नये-नये आतंकवादी संगठन "खालिस्तान नेशनल आर्मी" में भर्ती का काम दिनों-दिन जोर पकड़ता जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय) : (क) तथा (ख) सरकार को उस समाचार की जानकारी है जो कि इस संबंध में राष्ट्रीय दैनिकों में प्रकाशित हुआ था । उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार सूचना की कोई पुष्टि नहीं है ।

T.V. network in Andhra Pradesh

1677. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the districts in Andhra Pradesh which have not been covered by the TV. network till June, 1990; and

(b) by when these districts are likely to be covered by T.V. network?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) All the 23 districts of Andhra Pradesh stood covered by TV service, either wholly or partially, at the end of June, 1990.

Extension of Postal Services in backward and Tribal areas

1678. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of areas of Andhra Pradesh which have been treated backward and tribal for the purpose of extension of Postal Services;

(b) what target was fixed and what was the achievement against target in opening extra Departmental Branch Offices and extension of counter service in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Plan Period; and

(c) what are the reasons for shortfall, if any, in achievement of the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Areas treated as 'tribal' for extension of Posal services are the same as specified by Government of India for purpose of Tribal Sub Plan of all Departments/Ministries in Andhra Pradesh. These include certain specified Blocks/Talukas of Adilabad, Warangal, Khammam, West Godavari, East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, Vizia-

nagaram and Srikakulam districts. In addition, certain areas of Karimnagar, Mehboobnagar, Chittor and Nalgonda are also treated as backward.

(b) The target fixed was 250 new post offices against which the number of post offices opened was 145. No target were fixed in respect of mobile counter service which has been discontinued.

(c) The number of proposals that could be formulated with reference to the prescribed norms was less than the target assigned. Further, pending revision of norms, and as a measure of economy only a limited number of post offices were cleared for opening during 1989-90.

Growth of circulation of newspapers in the country

1679. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth of newspapers per 1000 inhabitants in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the growth of circulation of newspapers is the lowest in the country as compared to other countries of the World:

(c) whether it is also a fact that the disproportionate high cost of newsprint and its low quality alongwith other restrictions has stunted the growth of circulation of newspapers, and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to reach the growth norms recommended by the UNESCO for developing countries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) The Report of the Wage Boards of 1989 states that the newspaper industry has recorded a steady growth. In terms of the number of newspapers published, India ranks first in Asia and third in the World. The Report further says that over a period of 15 years, the industry has witnessed a growth of 93 per cent or roughly an average growth of 6.2 per cent per annum. With 21 copies approximately, for every 1,000 population India ranks 10th in Asia. The Government is committed to complete freedom of the Press and it is expected that it will continue to grow further and expand its circulation.

Proposal to declare cinema as an Industry

1680. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to declare cinema as in industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No decision on this has yet been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

New Censor guidelines

1681. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Censor guidelines are likely to be issued by Government soon; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes Sir.